

**Amendments To The Claims**

The listing of claims presented below will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of claims:**

1. (Currently amended) An applicator for ~~treating mouth pain~~ dispensing a liquid or a gel into a mouth, the applicator comprising:
  - a generally cylindrical container having a ~~fluid~~ reservoir for liquids or gels therein,
  - a dispensing orifice at one end of the container in fluid communication with the reservoir,
  - a plurality of ~~soft~~ bristles, the bristles having a first end that is within the dispensing orifice and a second end located outside of and away from the dispensing orifice protruding outwardly from the orifice, the bristles acting as a partial closure for the orifice and ~~which act as an applicator for liquid or gel fluid~~ in the reservoir,
  - means for forcing fluid from the reservoir to the orifice bristles, and
  - a composition contained in the reservoir, for treating mouth pain.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Cancelled)
5. The applicator of claim 1, wherein the means for forcing fluid from the

reservoir comprises

a piston disposed at an end of the container opposite to the orifice,

a piston rod connected to the piston and directed away from the  
reservoir, and

a cylinder at an end of the container opposite to the bristles, which is  
rotatable to cause movement of the piston rod and piston towards the  
reservoir to force fluid therefrom.

6. (Cancelled)
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Cancelled)
10. (New) The applicator of claim 1, further comprised of a cap, which covers the bristles.
11. (New) The applicator of claim 1, wherein the composition is an anesthetic.
12. (New) The applicator of claim 1, wherein the means for forcing fluid from the reservoir to the orifice is comprised of piston within the reservoir.
13. (New) The applicator of claim 1, wherein the means for forcing fluid from the reservoir to the orifice is comprised of piston and threaded piston rod within the reservoir.
14. (New) An applicator for dispensing a liquid or a gel into a mouth, the applicator comprising:
  - a generally cylindrical container having a reservoir;
  - a dispensing orifice at one end of the container in fluid communication

with the reservoir,

a plurality of bristles, the bristles having a first end that is within the dispensing orifice and a second end located outside of and away from the dispensing orifice from the orifice, the bristles acting as a partial closure for the orifice and an applicator for liquid or gel in the reservoir,

a piston within the reservoir, movement of the piston capable of causing liquid or gel in the reservoir to flow from the dispensing orifice.

15. (New) An applicator for dispensing a liquid or a gel into a mouth, the applicator comprising:

a generally cylindrical container having a reservoir;

a dispensing orifice at one end of the container in fluid communication with the reservoir,

a plurality of bristles, the bristles having a first end within the dispensing orifice and a second end located outside of and away from the dispensing orifice, the bristles acting as a partial closure for the orifice and transporting liquid or gel to a point of application;

a piston within the reservoir, movement of the piston capable of causing liquid or gel in the reservoir to flow from the dispensing orifice.